

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 1 and 2 with the following paragraph.

Several formulations that are commercially available include Lotrisone.TM. cream (clotrimazole 1%/betamethasone dipropionate 0.064%), Daktacort.TM. cream (miconazole nitrate 2%/hydrocortisone 1%) and Canesten.TM. HC cream (clotrimazole 1%/hydrocortisone 1%). The steroid component, betamethasone valerate dipropionate, Lotrisone.TM., is so strong that it can induce skin atrophy, striae, persistent tinea corporis and even growth retardation in children receiving Lotrisone.TM. treatment (see, for example, Pediatr. Dermatol. 19(1):78-81 (2002); Cutis 69(1):67-68 (2002); Am. Fam. Physician 65(10):2095-2102 (2002)). The remaining two products have only 1% hydrocortisone, which is too low in potency to have significant anti-inflammatory properties.